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I'm writing to object to the proposed increase to \$70 for a 5-year ship station license.

\$70 to record and issue a piece of paper without having to physically do anything else?

This proposal is ridiculous!!

Boating is my only hobby and my licensed radio is my important piece of safety equipment. I'm approaching retirement age and anticipate continuing my hobby for years to come.

My union and employer negotiated a three-year reduction in wages and benefits to keep the company in business. Therefore I'm not looking forward to more increases in licenses and fees. Especially on safety equipment.

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Why not license air bags on new cars - it makes about as much sense as a \$70 license on a safety device upon my boat.

If the government is so intent on taxing us "rich" boaters then how about a pricing structure as to size, age and description of the vessel licensed for radio. And while you're at it - I think a discount for senior citizens (with old boats) is perfectly in order - just like fishing licenses.

Sincerely,

Bernard Schenk

40 Riverside Dr.

Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

January 10, 1994

Secretary, FCC
1919 M Street NW
Washington D.C. 20554

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FCC-MAIL ROOM

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to strenuously object to the planned increase in FCC regulatory fees as they apply to private pleasure boaters. It is my understanding that the FCC proposes to double the radio license fee for boaters from \$35 to \$70 for a five year license. Even though Congress mandated the increase, they also authorized the FCC to waive it if "such action would promote the public interest."

For the public interest, I believe that the increase is excessive and should be waived or reduced to preclude regression in boating safety.

Personally, the proposed increase would be a real hardship. I am retired - living on a fixed income, and love my sailboat. The Federal government and its agencies should not be burdening me with new taxes and/or fees which make it increasingly difficult to use the boat which gives me so much pleasure in my retirement. Please do not increase the radio license fee.

Sincerely,
J. Donald Schwab

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Secretary
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Washington, DC

Dear FCC,

I write in protest to planned increase in FCC regulatory fees for boaters. Like other recent increase in taxes on boaters (luxury tax, user fee tax, fuel tax) that have backfired, this one also is shortsighted. To increase the radio licensing fee for boaters without any apparent benefit will have three detrimental effects. First, marine safety will be decreased because lower income mariners will forgo purchase of items such as VHF radios, radar, and EPIRB's. Second, owners of existing electronic gear will just conveniently forgo licensing, causing the Coast Guard to act in a further role of enforcer rather than watchdog. Thirdly, the FCC will lose credibility with boaters that they are doing anything to promote safeboating, and are instead lining government's pockets.

I encourage you to make known my thoughts to the appropriate individuals.

Sincerely,

Skip Allan
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vessel WILDFLOWER

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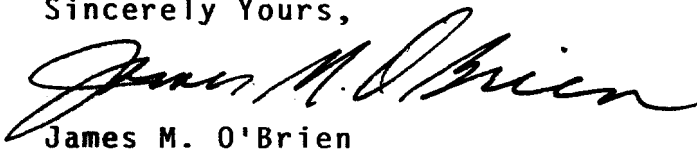
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you in regards to the raising of the Marine Radio Licensing Fee from its current \$35.00 to the proposed \$70.00. Not only could this fee increase the threat of lives of many citizens who take an active interest in boating but it represents a 700% increase over the last ten years.

The use of the VHF-FM radios by the boating public is endorsed by the United States Coast Guard Auxillary and the United States Power Squadron in their respective boating safety and handling courses.

I respectfully request that you reconsider this fee increase proposal. The favour of a reply is requested.

Sincerely Yours,


James M. O'Brien

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